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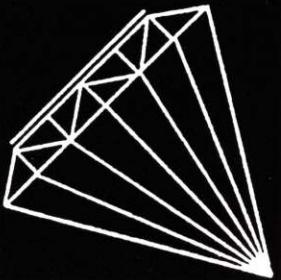
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Well, surprisingly enough, we have entered into February. At the writing of this article, we still have no snow on the ground and the temperature has been mild to say the very least. We can all remember that at this time last year we were dealing with outrageous temperatures and had had more than our share of snow already. Although it is much too early to rule out Mother Nature's ability to hit us with her worst, we are destined to have a much shorter winter than last year. Hooray!!

I would like to welcome all new writers, advertisers, cartoonists, and organizations who have jumped aboard in being part of this magazine. As always I encourage all who are interested to submit their work for publication in AboveGround. As the only local monthly magazine dedicated to the Gay and Lesbian community, this is your avenue for seeing your thoughts and creations put into print.

The months ahead will provide us with plenty to do while we try to fight off those winter blues. There are fundraising events such as the F.A.C.T annual Winter Games on February 19th as well as many club sponsored events and parties to keep you going as you anticipate the arrival of Spring. I encourage every person to check the upcoming events and participate as much as possible in the activities listed. Don't forget to show our advertisers your appreciation for their help in bringing this publication to you!

We, at AboveGround, look forward to bringing you more with each issue so you can be kept abreast of what is going on in and around the Lehigh Valley. As always keep those suggestions coming. We at the magazine always appreciate hearing from you. And don't forget to keep that Dear Old Aunt Bess busy, idol hands can make for more than their share of trouble!!

M.Hemphill  
editor

# Can We Talk

by Rod Wolfe

Whether it be talk show radio, the morning paper, nationally syndicated news, or simply channel surfing through the pre-programmed waves of the cable tide, you cannot escape the onslaught of debates about America's "dark" subjects. Say what you will about the Clinton administration and the methods in which television exploits a not so perfect world, but there is a very clear message getting out in America almost as fast as the fear of God through a southern revival meeting. The homosexual community can not be ignored, because it is already integrated into every other group of the melting pot of the world.

The best way to alleviate the fear of ignorance is to dwell on a subject that was once unspeakable in the American home. Since the beginnings of the Clinton administration, the media has unknowingly provided the best free support to all existing and future Gay rights organizations by providing unlimited, free coverage on homosexual issues.

Although some may ardently argue that the Clinton administration was unsuccessful in allowing homosexuals the right to openly serve in the armed forces, no one can disagree that the attempt brought real discussion back to the breakfast tables of America.

Through interviews and tribunals designed to destroy the gay community, the media succeeded in illustrating to the people of America that gay people are already in their community, and are an integral part of American society, business, and public resources. One thing that has become very clear. Homosexuals are everywhere, in every walk of life, and in every economic situation.

Throughout history one lesson repeats itself over and over again. The only thing that can break the walls of intolerance is exposure. Communication, good or bad, is a direct result of exposure. The more people talk about the unknown, the more questions they ask. Eventually people become sensitized to whatever it is that they had a problem with. Just as our generation grew up during race riots and eventually asked the question, "What is the problem?", and could not receive any answer from the generation before it, future generations will grow up with an even larger barrage of media portrayals and ask the same question.

It is an almost impossible task to change the minds of the insensitive, however the thought process of the future will be the direct result of the actions we take today. We cannot do much for today, but must break down the walls of ignorance for the America of tomorrow.



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# Poetry

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Work, family, the traffic....  
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Stretch...get out of bed...

Need some positive thoughts  
to get through the week....  
Get some coffee...check the time,  
Too late for church, let's see who's on TV....

OK, here's Pat Robertson.  
Uh oh, his sermon is from the Book of Foreign Policy.

CLICK

Um'm B. James Kennedy is asking his congregation  
to turn their Bibles to the text on Trashing the Liberal Press.  
CLICK

Let's see...here's Jerry Falwell,  
beginning his second series on trashing gays.  
CLICK

Don't know this fat guy....  
at least he's trashing Jezebel....no, Hillary Clinton.

CLICK

Maybe a feminine voice...Sister Angelica.  
Ah, equal opportunity, she's trashing everybody.  
CLICK

  
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Well, at least Robert Schuller is reliable,  
he's still raising money to hire window washers  
for the Crystal Cathedral.  
CLICK OFF

Oh well, no one's up yet...  
Sit on the throne and look at porno mags.

Turn on the radio...oldies  
Diana Ross, "Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand" ...  
THAT'S WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR!!!

-Peggy Owens

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# A Look Back

## 1ST MS. DIAMONZ CROWNED AT PAGEANT

Friday, January 5th Diamonz held their first Ms. Diamonz pageant. The event included eight contestants who competed in events such as evening gown competition, Talent competition, and a question and answer period. The contest was overseen by a panel of judges made up of local personalities, and was emceed by Al Sosa and Gabriel. In the end the title and Ms. Diamonz ring were awarded to Francine Thunderpussy. Seen in shows, and fund-raisers throughout the area, Francine will hold the title for the duration of the year to come. She will possibly be going on to compete in competitions for other titles such as Ms. Pennsylvania, USA.



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## LEA DELARIA KEEPS THE CROWD IN STITCHES

Nationally acclaimed comedienne, Lea Delaria performed for a packed house at Diamonz in Bethlehem on Sunday, January 15th. On this, her second engagement at the club, she kept the audience roaring with her new multimedia show. While reciting lyrics from shows such as "Flipper" she advanced through a rather bizarre slide show of pictures from different perspectives the like of "Charo" and more.

With her own style of gay-camp comedy, she was able to keep the audience begging for more with stunts such as having all the men stand up a proudly proclaim themselves lesbians.

Diamonz is looking forward to having Lea back in May accompanied by Bob Smith. Together they have performed what was to be a two show only act, but were so well received that they decided to lengthen their partnership.

Lea has been seen in the past on national TV hosting up and coming gay and lesbian comics as well as appearing on shows such as "Matlock" and "The John Laroquette Show".

## Lesbian & Gay Films at Lehigh

As part of their English department's Spring Film Series, Lehigh will be showing a selection of films in its Whitaker Lab Auditorium at 7pm for a \$2 fee. The dates for these films are listed below.

Monday, Feb. 13

- \* Tiny and Ruby: Hell Divin' Women
- \* Desert Hearts

Wednesday, Feb. 22

- \* Damned If You Don't
- \* Maedchen in Uniform

If you would like to be listed in the Coming Events section call AboveGround at: (610) 821-1321

# Coming Events

## Fund-raisers

\* Sunday, Feb. 19th - 3pm

### BINGO at Diamonz

to benefit LVGLTF

\* Sunday, February 19th

F.A.C.T.'s annual

### WINTER GAMES

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\* Sunday, Feb. 19th

### "Girls of the Lehigh Valley"

Stonewall - 11:30 pm

to benefit AIDS Services Center

\* Sunday, Feb. 26th - 5pm-9pm

### BINGO at Stonewall

to benefit FACT's Family Support Services for Children with AIDS

## Club Events

### CANDIDA (610)434-3071

\* Pool League - Every Wednesday 8pm

\* "So Talk Already" - Live Talk Show  
Feb. 12 , & 26 - 10pm

### DIAMONZ (610)865-1028

\* Western Night - Friday, Feb. 17th

\* BKB Sunday, Feb. 19th - 7pm

\* "Movie Classics" Saturday Feb. 11&18

\* Sweetheart Dinner Specials Feb. 11-14  
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\* 1st Annual Mardi Gras Party

Friday Feb. 24

\* Pool League - starting in February

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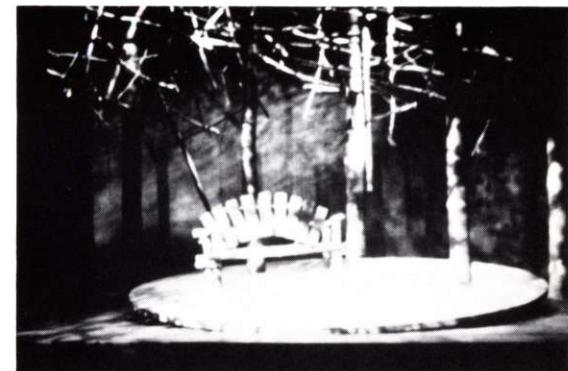
# Art



When we go to the theater to see a wonderful play, it is easy to get caught up in the dialogue, perhaps paying little attention to the many other elements that go into it. This month we were able to talk with Sarah Baptist, a local artisan who has acted as Set Designer and scenic artist for a wide variety of productions.

Sarah was born and raised in Clarion, Pennsylvania where she completed her undergraduate work receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at Clarion University. She went on from here to receive her Masters for Production Design and Technology at Ohio University. In the pursuit of her career, she has moved to places such as Washington,D.C., Milwaukee Wisconsin, and Maine.

She came to Allentown in 1988 to accept a position at the PA STAGE CO. as the resident set designer, a position she held for five years. Part of the long list of productions she was responsible for include Lost in Yonkers, Some Enchanted Evening, Beau Jest, Candida, Ain't Misbehavin',



and A Walk in the Woods. She has also designed sets for the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble, Theatre Outlet in Allentown, and for Musikfest Association of Bethlehem.

One of the things we will never notice when we go in to see a play is how much work goes into the preparation and fabrication of the wonderful sets. Sarah told us that the process from initial script review to opening night takes about 2-3 months for most productions. The set is one of the first elements that must be considered in any play. The designer must work hand in hand with the Director, the props manager, the lighting manager, and the resident painter. Sarah was also responsible for a lot of the painting at PA STAGE as there was not a resident painter at that time. In addition she would have to be in tune with the Costume designer to make sure color schemes were appropriately matched and not clashing with each other.



The art of illusion is the tool of a set designer. Whether it is an outdoor scene or the room of a period house, the set is an integral part of the play that helps set the tone and mood the director is looking for. One of the sets that Sarah considered to be among her favorite to design was for Playland at the Theatre Outlet. In it she was also responsible for the lighting which she incorporated into the scenery to create a carnival setting. This set is pictured here along with a few samplings of some of her other work.

As a direct offshoot of her training in the use of paint for illusion, Sarah has started creating faux finishes in peoples homes. She is able to paint walls, as well as many other surfaces, giving them the illusion of being made of wood, marble, granite, and other textures. She states that she enjoys this type of work as it always presents a unique situation with every job. As with many other artist we have interviewed, Sarah would like to some time be living somewhere



in the country, yet not out of reach of the city's bustle. Although she would like to do her faux finishes on a more frequent basis, she hopes to still design sets on a free lance basis as time allows. At the time of this writing she was working on design plans for PA STAGE's upcoming production of The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds.

If you would like to contact Sarah about her set design/painting or are interested in having her add a personal touch to your home through the use of her faux finishes please call her at: (610)432-8828.

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# Gay Rights in the Workplace

The Lehigh Valley Gay and Lesbian Task Force sponsored a seminar on employment discrimination based on sexual orientation on Wednesday, January 11, 1995. Bethlehem Attorney Anne Felker, who handles a significant number of discrimination cases, addressed about 20 members of the gay and lesbian community. Ms. Felker outlined the existing laws prohibiting employment discrimination, the rights of employees and answered questions from the audience.

Ms. Felker began by summarizing Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, religion, national origin and sex. Sexual orientation is not included among the protected categories, so gays and lesbian are offered no protection by federal law. She noted that provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act prohibit discrimination against people with AIDS/HIV or those perceived to have AIDS/HIV. So if a gay man is discriminated against in the workplace because he is thought to have AIDS/HIV, even though he does not, he most likely would be protected by federal law.

At the state level, Ms. Felker explained that Pennsylvania Law, like that of most other states, has "At-Will" Employment. Under this doctrine, an employer may fire any employee for any reason, at any time, including the employee's sexual orientation. "You can be fired for good reason, bad reason or no reason at all," said Felker. The only exceptions to the "At-Will" employment are the protected categories under

the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, which like federal law only includes race, sex, religion and national origin. Another possible exception to "At-Will" employment, according to Attorney Felker, would be the "just cause" provision of a union contract which requires that an employee be terminated only for job related causes.

At the local level, five cities in Pennsylvania have laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment. These are Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Lancaster and York. No municipality in the Lehigh Valley has such an ordinance.

Ms. Felker advised employees who feel they are being discriminated against to keep notes, records or diaries of events, meetings, comments of superiors and incidents in the workplace. "If you are called into a meeting, ask if you can tape record it, if they say no, ask if you can take notes, then write everything down on paper," she advised. Employers often try to bury discrimination claims under a mass of paper records, by keeping notes or diaries, you are creating your own paper trail that can be used as evidence in a discrimination suit.

Ms. Felker commented on the eternal dilemma of gay and lesbian employees, should I "come out" at work. Ms. Felker said that employees who have made their sexual orientation known at work may have more protection than those who remain in the workplace closet. She reasoned that the employer then could not defend a charge of discrimination based on the argument that he/she did not know of the employee's sexual orientation. She added that many employers mistakenly believe that it is illegal to fire someone because they are gay or lesbian.

After Ms. Felker's presentation LVGLTF Discrimination Committee co-chair, Steve Black announced the Task Force's Incident Reporting procedures. The Task Force has developed a set of forms for gays and lesbians who have been discriminated against to report these incidents. Forms to report employment discrimination, housing discrimination and bias crimes and harassment. The Task Force will address as many incidents as it can. LVGLTF will also use the information from the reporting forms to show public officials, police, media and the

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general population the existence and extent of discrimination and its effects on its victims. LVGLTF is also developing a referral list of attorneys, doctors, and psychologists who are gay and lesbian positive and whose practices deal with these issues.

LVGLTF reminds the community, that if we remain silent, we will continue to be victims. To achieve equality gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people must fight each incident of discrimination as individuals and as a community. **To report incidents of discrimination, harassment or bias crimes, please call that Lehigh Valley Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Hotline at (610) 515-1551.**

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*For those who knew him, he will always be remembered for his artistic abilities in creating costumes for many occasions that always brought us laughter and great enjoyment.*

*Glenn is survived by his companion Tim, his sister Kim, as well as many friends who loved him dearly. We will all miss him as we go on with our daily lives, but will always be enriched by the fond impressions he has left in our memories.*

# LOVE and the LAW

Valentine's Day is the time of year when we celebrate love. Gay Men and Lesbians celebrate Valentine's Day just as many heterosexual couples do, by giving their lover flowers or candy, dining out at a romantic restaurant or just spending a special evening at home. On Valentine's Day it really doesn't matter

who you love; however, every day of the year our legal system treats the relationships of gay and lesbian couples as inferior to those of non-gay couples. The most obvious and significant difference is that gay and lesbian couples cannot legally marry and are not entitled to the legal benefits of marriage, such as the right to inherit property, the right to certain tax benefits, and the right to make medical or financial decisions for an incapacitated partner.

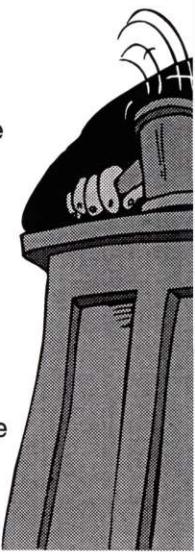
There are certain legal instruments that gay and lesbian couples can execute to give their relationships some of the same benefits that heterosexual couples gain automatically through

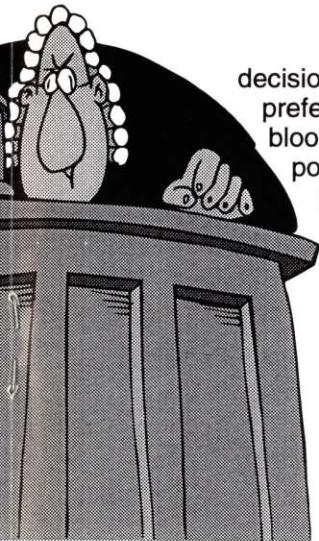
marriage. These instruments include Cohabitation Agreements, Wills, Durable Powers of Attorney, and Living Wills.

**Cohabitation Agreements:** A cohabitation agreement is a written contract between two unmarried people which spells out the responsibilities of each partner. The agreement's primary focus should be on the couple's financial situation, such as who will be responsible for what expenses and what ownership interest each has in shared property. The agreement may also include household responsibilities and fidelity provisions. Courts have not upheld agreements that had sexual relations as their sole or primary focus. Cohabitation Agreements may also include property division provisions that would take effect in the event that the couple separates, operating much like a premarital agreement.

**Wills:** Wills are very important for a gay or lesbian couple. If one partner would die without a will (intestate), Pennsylvania's intestacy statute would apply to the distribution of the decedent's property. Because the statute does not recognize same-sex relationships, property will be distributed to parents, siblings or other blood relatives. A same-sex partner is treated as a "total stranger" under these provisions. By executing a will, a person is able to determine for herself what will happen to her property upon her death. A will can no longer be challenged solely on the grounds that a person left everything to their gay or lesbian lover.

**Durable Powers of Attorney:** With a Durable Power of Attorney you can appoint another person to make financial or health care decisions in the event of your incapacity or disability. If you have not executed a durable power of attorney, a court or the hospital will determine who makes the





decisions for you and preference will usually be given to blood relatives. With a durable power of attorney for finances you can allow another to make all your financial decisions or you can limit their authority to certain tasks. With a durable power of attorney for health care you can designate another person to make decisions regarding treatment, visit you in the hospital, sign medical forms and releases, consult with medical

personnel, review your medical records, etc. A living will should be included in your durable power of attorney for health care. Durable powers of attorney allow gay men and lesbians to designate their partner as the person to make decisions if they become incapacitated, where courts or hospitals would not recognize their relationship.

**Living Wills:** A living will lists the artificial life support procedures that you find acceptable or unacceptable in prolonging your life. You should also appoint a person who will make decisions as to medical treatment if you are incapable. Through a living will you can appoint your partner as the person to make these decisions.

These are four major instruments gay and lesbian couples can use to gain some of the benefits that same-sex couples obtain through marriage. Because each legal problem is unique, you are encouraged to consult an attorney for advice that will be tailored to your particular situation and for proper drafting of these documents.

*(This article was written by Steve Black, an openly gay attorney, who serves as Vice Chair of the Pennsylvania League of Gay and Lesbian Voters.)*

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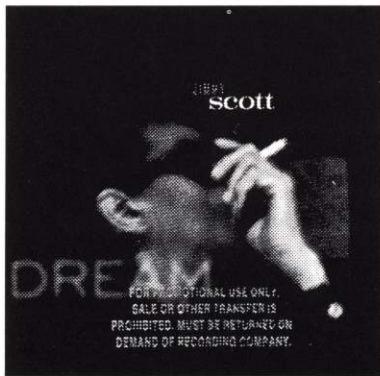
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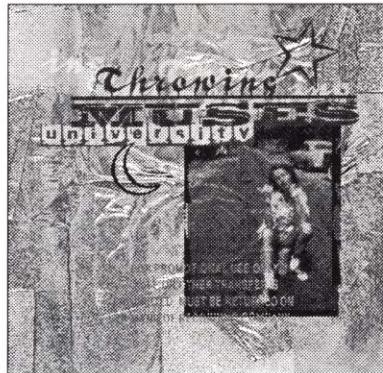


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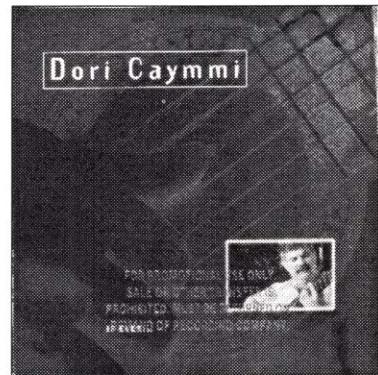
Artist: Jimmy Scott  
Album: DREAM  
Reviewer: C. Robert Frank  
Rating: 4 stars

If Billy Holiday were alive today as a man, she would be Jimmy Scott. Justine's son makes you listen. His vocals turn the blues into warm reds and luscious greens while never losing the drunken sorrows the blues are based on. An ironic analogy is knowing it was snowing outside Feb. 14-16, 1994 in NY, but thinking it must have been raining inside the studio while Jimmy recorded! Light a clove cigarette, lean back, and enjoy!



Artist: Throwing Muses  
Album: UNIVERSITY  
Reviewer: C. Robert Frank  
Rating: 3 stars

I'll be honest, I hate MTV... I hate how it runs ( and subsequently has ruined ) Top 40. I hate how Top 40 radio will only play songs added to MTV's rotation. I hate "The Grind". I hate "The Real World", and I hate any band that may end up on MTV. I also hate sell out music, especially sell out alternative. Are formula bands like REM and The Cranberries really what the scene is about? Now that I got that out of my system, all I can say is this... "University" is solid, hard, relentless and substantial!



Artist: Dori Caymmi  
Album: IF EVER...  
Reviewer: C. Robert Frank  
Rating: 3 stars

Many New Age artists take full advantage of digital technology. Multiple effects and overdubbing help to transport the listener into a blissful tranquility. Not true for Dori Caymmi, upfront orchestrations and often off key vocals are all that are needed to create euphoria. "If Ever..." is straight forward "Lounge-O-Matic", rich in texture and thoroughly relaxing.

If you are a DJ or VJ and would like to have your reviews or Top Ten listed in AboveGround call: (610) 821-1321 or send them to:  
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5. **Don't Bring Me Down**  
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REAL MCCOYS
9. **Release Me**  
INDUSTRY
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Note: Mitzi D.'s VJ top ten list shown in last month's issue was his top picks for the year of 1994 and not the current hot picks for the month of January.

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2. **Power Of Love**  
FIT OF BLOOM
3. **I Believe**  
3RD NATION
4. **And I'm Telling You**  
I'm Not Going  
DONNA GILES
5. **Young Hearts Run Free**  
RESPECT
6. **In The Navy '94**  
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GLORIA ESTEFAN
8. **Sight For Sore Eyes**  
M PEOPLE
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The Same Way Twice  
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5. **Keep Givin' Me Your Love**  
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6. **Real**  
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MARIE CLAIRE BULBALDO
8. **Can You Give Me Love**  
RHYTHM METHOD FEAT.  
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9. **Don't You Wanna Know**  
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10. **Love Is The Thing**  
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# 16 Theatre & Performing Arts

## THE CAINE MUTINY COURT-MARTIAL

Allentown College Theatre opens 1995 with the critically acclaimed THE CAINE MUTINY COURT-MARTIAL, Herman Wouk's riveting World War II military courtroom drama about a young naval officer charged with mutiny. The play, opening Feb. 1, steams full speed ahead toward a guilty verdict until it culminates in one of the most famous cross examinations in modern American theatre.

Directed by Gerald J. Schubert OSFS, Chair of the Preforming and Fine Arts Department, CAINE runs for 12 performances through Feb. 12 at the Labuda Center for the Performing Arts at Allentown College.

The play is based on The Caine Mutiny, Wouk's 1952 Pulitzer Prize winning novel about life aboard the fictitious U.S.S. Caine, a U.S. Navy minesweeper, during action in the Pacific. The Caine's executive officer, Lt. Stephen Maryk, a newly commissioned reserve officer, is on trial for relieving his Annapolis-trained Captain of duty in the midst of a typhoon, claiming that Captain Philip Francis Queeg's erratic behavior under stress endangered the ship and crew.

Maryk's defense attorney seemingly does nothing to challenge the military prosecutor's highly damning case, but Lt. Barney Greenwalt, a courtwise attorney in civilian life, has been setting the stage to turn the adversarial tables and make Queeg's character the focus of the trial. The chain of command literally unravels and snaps when the unpopular and petty discipline-wielding skipper of the Caine takes the witness stand. But a final scene takes an ironic turn and raises the question of whether rebellions against a higher ranking officer can ever be justified in war time and suggests an answer that might not fit in some politically correct pigeon holes.

The role of Queeg, given a memorable performance by Humphrey Bogart in the film based on the novel, will be played by Terry Burgler, who heads the acting arm of the theatre program. Faculty member Will Neuert designed the set, Robert A. Mond designed the lighting, and Cheryl Neeley designed the costumes.

ACT ONE veterans Stephen Lyons and Marc Patrick O'Donnell play defense attorney Lt.

Greenwald, a role created by Henry Fonda in the original stage production, and Judge Advocate Lt. Com. Challee, respectively.

Sophomore Anthony Trentalage makes his ACT ONE debut as Lt. Maryk. Seniors Will Ditterline plays the presiding naval judge, Captain Blakely; and Joseph Reid plays Lt. Thomas Keefer, Maryk's questionable supporting officer and friend. Junior Kate Thompson is the Production Stage Manager.

Other cast members include Kevin O'Donnell as Lt. Keith; Nicholas



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Ticket prices for CAINE range from \$11 to \$15. For ticket information and reservations, call the ACT ONE Box Office at (610) 282-3192.

## THE FILM SOCIETY

The CIVIC LITTLE THEATRE presents the contemporary drama THE FILM SOCIETY.

A political scandal at an exclusive South African boys' school raises ethical questions for the staff. The play explores the inner conflicts faced by decent men and women whose lives of comfort and privilege deprive others of their freedom. Playwright Jon Robin Baits has been hailed as "the Arthur Miller of his generation." Mr. Baits, who is a personal friend of CLT director William Sanders, will attend one performance.

The play features local veteran performers Jerry Curran, Mim Fahringer, Claude Foreman, Anita Glockner, David Oswald and Ken Webb, and will be directed by William Sanders. Mr. Sanders is also currently serving as assistant director for LOVE, VALOR AND COMPASSION, opening on Broadway on February 14.

THE FILM SOCIETY opens February 10 and continues February 11, 15, 16, 17, and 18. All shows are at 8pm.  
For further information, call (610)432-8943..

## Schedule



### Caine Mutiny Court-Martial

February 1-12

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# Horrorscoops

by Evil Esther



**AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb.18

Don't let your overpowering urge to push your opinions around get you into hot water. You will have to handle situations tactfully if you are to achieve the goals you are after. A strong, silent show of leadership will be beneficial.



**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20

You may decide to confront your partner about alleged secret romantic rendezvous. Be careful how you handle this situation as it could very well be that this person has been doing this only to get more attention from you. Be patient!



**LIBRA**  
Sept.23-Oct.22

You may find a strong attraction to an individual, possibly Aries, who is showing strong interests in you. Be very leery of this person's intent however as there may be a hidden agenda attached to these advances. Be on guard!



**PISCES**  
Feb.19-March 20

It's party time! At least toward the end of the month. You will be able to socialize in a big way both for work and with personal friends without making too much of a fool of yourself. Just watch out for that lampshade hat trick!



**CANCER**  
June 21-July 22

February winter boredom will be little excuse for you not spending more time at home. This may be a good time to curl up with a good movie with your lover rather than looking for excitement partying with friends. You can ride it out!



**SCORPIO**  
Oct.23-Nov.21

Work and play may be finding themselves in direct conflict this month. You will have to decide if your frolicking is more important than having a paycheck to pay the rent with. Irresponsible behavior may also lead to someone leaving!



**ARIES**  
March 21-April 19

Your overpowering need to deliver ultimatums may be best kept in check this month if being directed towards your love interest. You may find it leads to a valentine with a cold heart attached to it. A co-worker is watching you closely!



**LEO**  
July 23-Aug.22

You may find yourself reviewing what direction you want your life to be heading in. There is a good chance that your partner is holding you back from achieving your goals. Don't make any rash decisions before the 20th.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov.22-Dec.21

Extravagant shopping sprees when you know you can't afford them may have you fighting off creditors in future months. You may have fanciful ideas of how you will come up with the money but these will be simple delusions.



**TAURUS**  
April 20-May 20

You may feel you are one not to get involved in other people's business, but may take the side of someone in an argument sometime through the month. You will feel like you are in a sticky situation until proven right later on.



**VIRGO**  
Aug.23-Sept.22

Me, me, me! That seems to be the tone you have been projecting over the last couple of weeks. February may be a good time to reconsider the way you are treating your lover. Better treatment may offer better returns!



**CAPRICORN**  
Dec.22-Jan.19

Better watch out for that ever present need to over stretch a penny. You may want to reconsider the gift you are purchasing for that sweetheart on the 14th, because a cheap way out will be more than evident!

# Letters

*The following letter was sent to AboveGround in order to make the community aware of the valuable service P-FLAG can offer to both gay and lesbian individuals and to their parents and families.*

Editor - ABOVE GROUND  
Mitchell B. Hemphill  
P.O. Box 1656  
Allentown, PA 18105-1656

ABOVE GROUND readers probably think P-FLAG, (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is "nice" but has little to offer them. I'd like to suggest reasons we need each other.

P-FLAG's three purposes are SUPPORT, EDUCATION, and ADVOCACY.

Every person yearns for the love and respect of their parents. Unfortunately, many gay and lesbian people have been denied a close relationship with their parents because of prejudice, ignorance, fear, or misunderstanding. P-FLAG parents can never replace your parents but we can and will support and love you as you are. We may also help you find ways to appeal to your parents for understanding and love.

It is hard to imagine anyone better able to provide support and understanding to a frightened, angry, or confused parent of a homosexual child than a parent who has had the same experience. The journey from the initial shock to total acceptance can take several routes but is always made easier when shared with an experienced traveler.

Perhaps education is the gay and lesbian community's greatest gift to P-FLAG and the general public. Parents and families need to know that nothing about their child has changed except their awareness of his or her sexual orientation. They need to meet gays and lesbians who are at peace with their sexuality and who are leading productive, respectable lives. They need to learn that, just as in the heterosexual community, gays and lesbians come in all sizes, shapes, and colors. That they work, play, love, and grow best when they are loved and accepted.

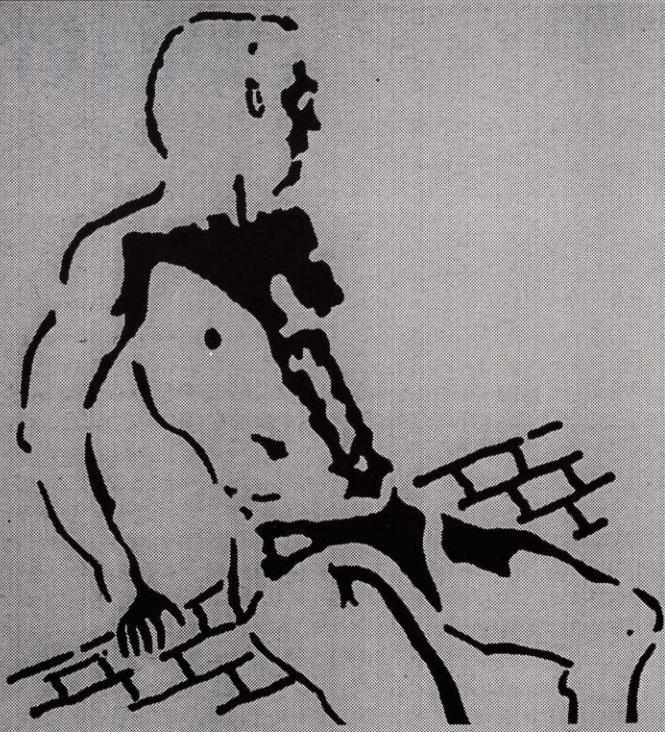
Advocacy, demanding equality and justice in our daily lives, in our city, state, and national laws, in our homes and businesses is best accomplished when Gays and Non-gays stand together. It takes never ending vigilance and a willingness to speak out against suspicion and fear with the facts and loving examples. We need each other!

P-FLAG welcomes all interested people to their meetings the second Sunday of each month at the Unitarian Church, 701 Lechauweki Avenue, Bethlehem, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. It is a safe, supportive environment for discussion, for listening, learning and loving. Confidentiality is respected. For more information call (610) 820-9838 or 258-5794.

We are willing to come to your meetings or organizations to speak on behalf of P-FLAG, to SUPPORT, EDUCATE, and ADVOCATE.

*The Keenans*

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# Ask AUNT BESS

My dear readers,  
As there were no letters sent in this month, I thought I would take the time to speak to you about that romantic holiday, Valentine's Day. For those of us lucky enough to be involved in a loving relationship, Valentine's Day offers the opportunity to show appreciation for the love shown to us throughout the year. For the Single person, it provides the chance to make your secret

passions known to the victim of your heartfelt desires. I am getting to a point here, and it is simply this; The gift received on this special day will never be as important as the thought put into it. Something as simple as a specially picked card with a personalized message can be just as, if not more, wonderful as an extravagant gift purchased possibly at the last minute and only as an afterthought. Flowers, candy, diamonds, and furs are all very nice, but mean nothing unless the person receiving them sees in the gift the true feelings you have for them. Although we all seem to live in a world with little time for extras, it is important to take special care what we select as a reflection of our emotions. Don't forget that time spent together can be more precious than anything found on a store shelf. - I wish you all love and great happiness in all that you do. Happy Valentine's Day to you and yours!

Send your letters to Aunt Bess  
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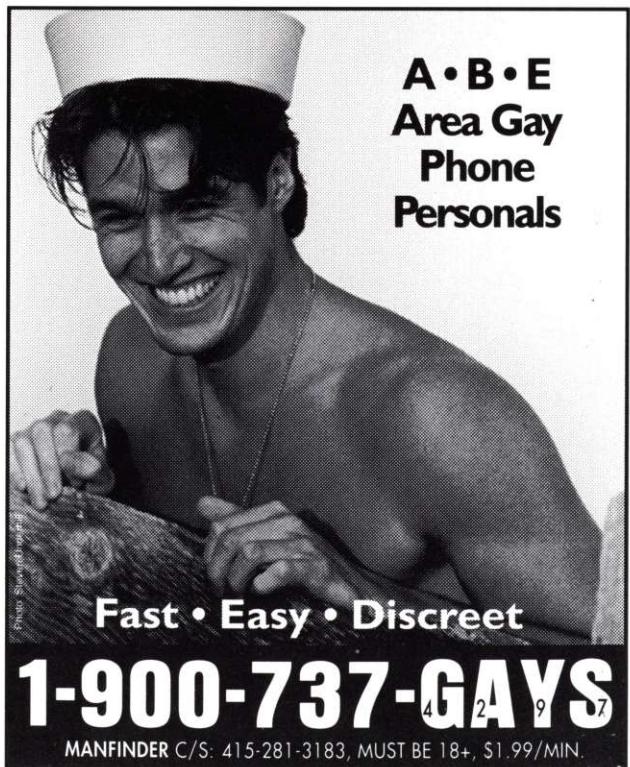


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